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IN THE SOUTHEAST.

What the People are Doing in Other Counties that are Near.

Concerning a former citizen of Kelso township the Bloomfield Vindicator says:—Last Friday night some fiend attempted to burn the residence of Rev. William O'Heren of the Philadelphia neighborhood and from the manner in which he proceeded evidently desired to destroy the family. The party came up on the side porch and from there went on to the front porch and climbed on the banister from which he cut the telephone wire. The person who did the distasteful deed then went to the back of the house and cut a hole in the screen door reached through and lifted the hook, thus gaining access to the porch which was screened in, and from the porch to the house. The rug in the front parlor was saturated with coal oil and set on fire, a partly burned match was found near. Small rugs were then pulled upon the main rug and it seems smothered the fire out. However, it burned through the rug and part of the way through the floor. The family was sleeping up stairs and no one went into the parlor until Saturday afternoon when the evidence of the attempted crime was discovered.

Maiden Merit.—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harvey were overcome by coal gas at their residence in this city last Saturday morning, and would have in all probability been asphyxiated had it not been for their timely discovery by Mrs. Pruet who, with her husband, has rooms on the second floor. The gas fumes originated from a coal stove in the sitting room. When Mr. Harvey arose that morning he opened the stove and shook down the ashes, and soon fell to the floor overcome by the strong fumes. Mrs. Harvey soon came in the room and also fell to the floor. Mrs. Pruet came down stairs on an errand and hearing groans, proceeded to investigate, opening the door she found Mr. and Mrs. Harvey on the floor. Smelling the strong gas fumes it did not take her long to realize what the trouble was and she hurriedly opened the doors and windows. The fresh air soon revived Mr. and Mrs. Harvey. Gas had escaped from the stove the greater part of the night as three of the rooms were full of it.

At Oak Ridge the half-witted daughter of Aug. Sievers gave birth to a child that soon died and an official examination was demanded. The Jackson Items says:—Sievers is a widower with several children, and is none too bright. The oldest child is a girl past 16 years old and half-witted and who according to the observation of the officers and the statements of neighbors and the physicians is not mentally responsible nor capable of judgment. This poor girl was the mother of the baby. As the cause of her ruination the names of two men, married men besides, were given to the officers, and likely before this paper is in print the accused will be in jail or under bond.

Concerning former Commerce residents the Stoddard Tribune says:—Last Sunday evening Mrs. Bob Ross and her sons, John and James of Advance, Mo., had a very narrow escape from death when the team they were driving south of town near Little Vine school house became frightened and ran away throwing them out of the buggy. The young boys escaped without any serious injury, but Mrs. Ross was thought to be injured internally and grave doubts for her recovery was entertained last Monday.

Campbell Citizen.—Goodwin & Jean are loading a car of chickens this week. This means that the local manager has gathered up from the farmers around Campbell, within the last few days, 500 dozen chickens, or about 25,000 pounds of poultry, for which they paid the growers about \$2,500.00. Besides this car of poultry these dealers have gathered up and shipped out several thousand dozens of fresh eggs for which the farmers have received from 25 to 30 cents per dozen.

Caruthersville Democrat.—Monroe Bess, alias Tillman, who is charged with a double murder in Florida, was arrested by Marshal Elwood Scott on last Monday. Bess, who was making his way south on the river, had been expected here, and the postal authorities had been asked to watch for him when he called for his mail. Monday he called and Assistant Postmaster Obe Crow detained him in conversation until the officer could be located.

Papers down there keep telling the people to "put your money in the bank." Nobody but a bunch of crazy loons would put up with our present banking system. If the government can take charge of a bank, and run it after it has gone to smash, why couldn't the government run a bank that is not smashed? Banking and the issuing of money or credits is a government function, and so long as this is delegated to individuals the result will be bad.

Kennett Justice.—The Socialist crowd attending the three Kate O'Hare lectures here Tuesday and Wednesday was the largest seen in Kennett for many years. Socialists were here from five states—Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri. The weather was beautiful, and the good accomplished can never be measured nor told in words. Over 300 were turned away at the court house Tuesday night, and this sure made the local capitalists look green with envy.

Dunklin Democrat.—While cutting timber east of Hornersville, Joe and Jack Stephens, brothers, were caught by a falling tree and Joe, a man of 48 years and a widower, with several children, was almost instantly killed; and Jack a single man about 50, was so severely injured that he died last Monday at Hornersville, where he had gone for treatment. The tree they were cutting fell on another and broke it down on them.

Bernie Star.—Simon Daly, a former citizen of Indiana, brought with him a clock that he makes a habit of to 210 years old. This clock was brought from Wales by Mr. Daly's ancestors and he said the clock had been outside the Daly family during the 210 years until Ora A. Diltz, the Jeweler, purchased it a few days ago. The clock looks to have been made by hand.

Pemiscot Argus.—John Martin makes another charge against the sparrows and a serious one. He says he will cling to the side of a brick building and pick the mortar from between the bricks, the holes thus made sometimes extending inward for half an inch or more. He has had on several occasions to get out with new mortar and fill up the holes made by these birds.

Bootlegging is getting to be an awful crime. Scott Cary, wanted in Alabama for this offense, was arrested by a Pemiscot county officer last week and sent back to make the booze traffic legal and holy you must divide up with your government. But I just can't understand how the payment of money can turn a vice into virtue. Only a capitalist mind can understand that.

The Citizens bank of Hayti, Pemiscot county, has gone bankrupt and is in the hands of the state bank examiner. This is the second bank failure in Pemiscot county in about a year. Yet the

A dispatch from Macon, Ga., says that Rev. G. E. Tidwell was killed when a pistol dropped from his pocket and exploded as he was leaning down to kiss his baby good-bye. Most people will wonder what a preacher is doing with a pistol in his pocket. But the dispatch explains it by saying that "he carried the pistol so that his young children might not play with it." Do you suppose that explanation would have appeared if the victim had been a workingman? Why didn't the parson look his pistol in a trunk—or throw it in a sewer?

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IN MEMORY.

Mrs. Maggie Finley, nee Daugherty, was born March 18, 1864. Died on Jan. 18, 1914, at her home in St. Louis. She passed "out of the shadows of sadness into the sunshine of gladness, into a land without tomb." And now to portray the feelings too sad for language to reach, of the loved ones left behind, seems almost a mockery. And yet that memory, that love which survives the tomb, is a sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced, and we would not accept the consolation brought by forgetfulness.

Not there is a voice from the tomb sweeter than song; a recollection of the departed one to which we turn from the charms of the living. We recall, with fond regret and tender recollection, the gentle nature, the endearments so generously lavished upon her loved ones in her daily ministry to them, her untiring and unceasing energy to promote their welfare; her unflinching faith in her God which supported her in adversity and prosperity, and guided her to that eternal home not made with hands, and we feel her example worthy of emulation. She was an exemplary wife, devoted mother, and all who were related to her felt her influence for good.

Now when we remember the soul is incapable of death, and since she has gone where she feels no pain, and has left behind such pledges of love, let us not indulge in too much grief. Let us be patient and try to feel that celestial benedictions often assume a dark disguise. And let the thought that most vitally concerns us here be to be faithful and affectionate in the discharge of our duties to the living and prepare to meet our loved ones who have passed— "Into the Joyland above us Where there's a Father to love us Into our home—sweet home." A FRIEND—B.

YAWPS SOME MORE.

I just had to laugh when told of Father Moenig's antics at New Hamburg Sunday. He seems to have placed his spooks and goblins in cold storage and now preaches the Kicker—and distorts what the Kicker says as much as he distorts what his bible says. The priest is always nice and kind so long as he can rule you with soft soap. When that fails the old spirit of the "holy" inquisition appears. He threatens to bar you from heaven. That is as far as he can go NOW. A few hundred years ago he could apply his torture and the flames. But that day is gone forever—unless he can get rid of the public schools.

The most he can do now is to threaten to refuse confession and communion to those who disobey him. If those people only knew why this confession business was established in the Dark Age period by the priesthood, they would not care whether they went to confession or not.

In those days church and state were one. What both church and state feared, and still fears, is a revolt of the people. That is why secret organizations were prohibited. To plot against church and state was a "mortal sin." To keep a line on what the people were doing the confessional was established. And to this day it is used for that very purpose. The Kicker did not feel the effects of Father Moenig's opposition until he began his silly war among the women in his "holy" confessional.

A man who would thus impose on a confiding people is necessarily of a very low type. He knows better—AND HE KNOWS THAT I KNOW HE KNOWS BETTER. That is why he refuses to come into print with the dope he peddles from his pulpit. It won't stand 20th century light.

But so long as the consumers of dope are willing to walk, while the dope peddlers ride in automobiles, I guess the dope peddling business will continue. It pays. Father Moenig is the only man that I know of who has grown rich in the New Hamburg community during the past 15 years. He has done this on a salary that he admits does not pay his living expenses. I have asked him to explain to his people how he got it. His answer is that the Kicker is a religion.

I am now going to make a proposition to this very rich army captain and certain followers of Christ. I want to show his people the kind of "bun" he hands them. From his "holy" pulpit last Sunday he told them that the letter published in the Kicker from Chaffee signed "A Catholic" was a "make up." That letter is on file here in the office. I have since received another from the same person. He is welcome to them, and if he can show that they are not genuine, I will give him ten dollars to add to his pile.

I have it on good authority who the writer of the letter is. He is a good citizen and a Catholic—above the average in intelligence. If I produce the man, will Father Moenig give me \$10 of the easy money he has raked together? Come across, Old Windy. Let's see just what there is in the dope you peddle. Put up or shut up.

HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

What dye think of national banks rising by the hundreds, now to call the new currency act a blessed thing?—Caruthersville Democrat.

Anybody but a democrat might conclude that the banks got what they wanted. But a Democrat is not expected to see through a horse collar—even if you show him the hole.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of August Hillemann, deceased, have been granted by the judge of the probate court of Scott county, Mo., in vacation, bearing date the 26th day of January, 1914.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

Adolph Hillemann, Executor.

FIFTH ANNUAL

Public Sale

Of 25 Head of High-Class Registered BLACK JACKS and JENNETS 15 head of Registered Poland-Chinas, consisting of bred sows, gilts and young hogs. Also two good Jersey milk cows.

JACKSON, MO., Tuesday, Feb'y 10, 1914

HERE AND YONDER.

Frank Feldon and T. G. Belk of Rockview; Henry Sanders and C. M. Weaver of Commerce, and Josh Hutton of Morley were Kicker callers Monday. Mr. Feldon had the Kicker sent to his brother, Phil, at Olive Branch, Ill.

The big advertisement of A. & D. Schriefer, Forfelt, consumes a great deal of space, and the paper is not as newsworthy as usual. But this does not happen often. Go to the Schriefer Sale and tell them you saw it in the Kicker.

Charley Slinkard and M. H. Witt of Chaffee were in Benton Tuesday. They said that in crossing Caney Creek near the Charley Diebold place the water was up to the buggy seat.

W. F. Shade of Jackson writes that he has a 50-foot tent with seats and heaters for those who attend his stock sale Feb. 10.

J. L. Strayhorn and family of Neelyville were up and spent a week visiting relatives, returning home this week.

J. A. Daugherty of Commerce and W. D. McBride of Blodgett were in Benton Tuesday.

County court is in session this week. Proceedings will appear in next issue. No room in this.

Sam Menz of Keiso was here Saturday.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—Reclaimed clover seed. Sample furnished on request. \$7.50 per bushel. Ed. Garvey, Commerce, Mo. R. 1.

For Sale—Good work horse and gelding. \$100.00. S. W. Commerce, Mo. R. 2.

For Sale—200 bales good hay. S. J. Wade, Benton Mo. R. 3.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

John Hahn is sick and on Saturday morning he sent his hired hand, like Link, to the doctor after medicine. He went there and got the medicine but when he got in the saloon, he forgot all about the medicine and the sick man at home and didn't show up till Sunday evening. If anybody needs medicine in a hurry send like he is always on time.

Ulrich Urbahn will start farming this spring. He bought a team of horses from Geo. Claus. He will batch on Whippoorwill Ridge. Is there any young lady that will help him out?

It seems as if Albert Legrand's mail has a limited time he will stand on Sunday nights. Last Sunday he chewed the hitching post and got in a home run on Albert.

Joe Gerst, Wendoline Heisserer and families and Frank Glaster of Hooce district, Martin Glaster and family of this place and Anton Halter of Oran spent Sunday with the family of Andy Gerst.

Edw. Hahn and wife will live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hahn, until he gets his house built. Ed has a mill on his place south of lumber.

Joe Goetz must have been driving pretty hard Sunday night as we noticed him taking his buggy to the shop Monday morning.

There was a dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Urbahn Thursday night and all report a very fine time.

Mrs. Edward Miller and daughter, of Oran, were in the neighborhood one day last week visiting relatives.

A letter from Mrs. Louisa Tidale, of St. Louis, says that her sister, Lillian, had died. She had been sick for some time.

Look out for that big ball at Stikes Hall Tuesday. If it should rain it will be on Wednesday.

Phillip Westrich and son David, and Louis Hahn drove to Oran in the sleigh Saturday.

John Kern and family of Benton visited his brother, Frank, and family here Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Diebold is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. Miss Anna Fischer is staying with the family of John Morley.

Andy Patterson is digging a well for John Dirmberger. George Claus sold two loads of corn to Rev. C. Moenig.

Phil Schitter had a chopping frolic last Wednesday. Vick Bollinger and wife were at Forfelt Monday.

John Kern was at Forfelt Monday.

FROM ANCELL.

The outlook for the improvement of Anceel is much better—as a result of a meeting of the town board and citizens held at the post office Thursday evening. It was an enthusiastic meeting and all favored progress. Since the resignation of W. C. Arnold as mayor of the town has been without a head, and interest lagged, Mayor Duney addressed the citizens in behalf of the town board and stated that the citizens of Anceel could be depended on to stand behind the town and give it their moral and financial support in order to encourage citizens to induce people to locate here. The meeting closed with a general discussion by Messrs. Blattel, Duney, Arnold and Chamberlain.

Friday evening a thinly clad man came to the depot and asked to be allowed to warm. Pearl E. Daugherty, one of our good citizens soon arrived, and played the part of the Good Samaritan by giving him a warm meal and better clothing. Being questioned, it was learned that the man was one of the thousands of unemployed who had been fooled into going to Granite City thru the Republic's fake story about the opening of the mills there.

When a considerable comment among the people of Anceel happened Monday morning when train No. 15 on the C. & N. arrived pulling the private car of Vice-President Schultze, which remained here until Sept. Stinson's motor special arrived with a party of six officials from the Cotton Belt and moved over on the C. & N. tracks to Jackson. No one knows what they were about—unless a big deal is on.

Many people passed thru here Thursday en route to Forfelt to attend the big sale at Schriefer's store. From the number of people going that way it would appear that advertising pays.

News reached here Sunday that Grandpa Heeb, an old resident of this county, died near Chaffee. He was the father of Mrs. Wm. Wagner of Anceel and Mike Heeb of Keiso.

A. J. Hadcock, our section boss, came in contact with a stick of kindling wood which he was preparing for the use of the better half, which resulted in a slight wound over the left eye.

Never were there as many idle unemployed men as at present. From 25 to 50 pass through here every day looking for the elusive job. They were promised last election.

E. F. Dove, operator for the Cotton Belt at Rockview, was here Saturday. He says he will go to the Texarkana hospital for repairs soon.

February 1 was my day on the Cotton Belt, and February 2 was ground-hog day. Some of the hogs were grounded.

We have it on reliable authority that work on the double-track from Freed to Dexter will begin again March 1.

Harry Millin, who has been idle on account of a broken finger, is again working at the round house.

Master Theon Blattel spent the past week with his uncle, Joseph Seyer, South of Keiso.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown of Illinois, visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Cunningham, last week.

R. B. Daugherty of Macedonia is here this week helping his brother Pearl build fence.

Thos. Williams left for St. Louis Sunday with a view of getting a job in the army.

It is said wedding bells will ring here soon. Ask Frank Rahms about it.

Dr. Henry Rodemeyer of Keiso was here professionally Saturday.

Mrs. A. F. Rodemeyer is reported among the sick this week.

W. C. Arnold loaded a car load of wheat for Cape Friday.

Miss Emma Walters has a very severe case of mumps.

FROM FORNFEIT.

Mrs. Joan Dilger and Mrs. Nellie Clark had a difference last week, resulting in Mrs. Dilger using a buggy whip, for which she was fined—the fine and costs amounting to \$16.00. Mrs. Clark received several very ugly cuts from the whip.

Mrs. M. J. Gill died Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Brissenden, after a lingering illness. The remains were taken to Clay City, Ill., the former home of the deceased, for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jones and daughter Louise left Friday for Mineralwells, Texas, where Mrs. Jones and daughter will spend a month for health. Mr. Jones will return at once.

Albert Dunger has returned from Texarkana hospital much improved in health.

Work has begun on John Wilhelm's new store building and dwelling.

Miss Virgie Miller is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Belk, near Rockview.

Robt. West of Tennessee is here visiting his brother, W. A. West.

FROM CHAFFEE.

That there is something in present-day religion besides promises of future happiness is clearly proven by the following from last week's Chaffee Signal: "G. W. Daugherty transacted business at Portageville and while there attended the Burk and Hobbs meeting. He says they have been working there three weeks, and have over 500 converts. A free-will offering was taken at the Sunday afternoon service and over \$800 was pledged, and over \$100 more at the night service."

One man who has been one of the hardest sinners in that section gave \$100 for the good of the cause. That would make the Wall Street sharks turn green with envy.

Marcus, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bles of near Rockview, met with a serious accident. He and another boy were playing Indian with bows and arrows. Marcus was shot in the right eye and the sight destroyed. The boy was brought here for treatment and later taken to the Cape.

J. P. Holmes, of Rockview, advertised for her. Neighbors thought his cow had strayed and found the cow in a large hole where she had fell and couldn't get out.

After an illness of several weeks Grandpa Heeb passed away Sunday in his 85th year. He was probably the oldest citizen of the community.

An Ohio architect was here last week drawing plans for the new Astoria Hotel—work on which is to begin in the spring.

While hauling logs for the Chaffee Lumber Co. out of the swamps Wm. Newberry lost a mule by drowning.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Halter visited at Oran last week.

George Metz was up from Oran last week.

FROM ORAN.

We would like to have a good road through the swamps to Perkins. The commercial club proposes a rock road. It might be well for the Oran club to invite the Benton club over to get pointers on how to build roads. Judges from their streets they ought to be able to give expert knowledge on roads.

Frank Tenhoff went to New Hamburg Thursday of last week to see the sights. He intended to return that evening but the attractions were so many that he did not return in here until next day.

There is talk of another bank here. Well, it does look as if the east side could take the people's money and loan it just as well as the west side. Let's have the bank.

Walter Noland was here from Blodgett buying hogs. He says hogs are scarce down there and that farmers are pasturing cattle on wheat fields.

Uncle Berry Finley don't come down to see us very often, yet usually let us know that there is a scandal in town.

Andrew Chub and Frank Heisserer have had wells bored by the Chub-Patterson Co. (Chas. Moore and John Dirmberger) and also large wells bored.

With our commercial club getting up steam, and Uncle Jim building a fire under the political pot, we ought to have things going pretty soon.

It is said Joe Kipfel of New Hamburg, bought the Anceel property here and will reside among us.

Mrs. R. H. McLean returned to her home at Farmington last week, after renting her farm to Frank Misplay.

Wm. Lee has received a fine male hog from near Jackson. He always keeps good stock.

Geo. Kneppel of near Benton went to Butler county last week to visit Roney Hatter.

Boyd Fink came up from Arkansas last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Fink.

Mrs. Andy Metz and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Ahrens, were in St. Louis last week.

Geo. Hofer of near Gordonville and Jake Riegert of Randless were here Monday.

The M. W. A. will give an entertainment and supper on the 12th. Frank Amrhein of Boda was down to see Anna Walters.

A. L. Pate is visiting the family of Anton Meldeheff east of here. Leo Halter of Linbourn was up here a few days last week.

Chas. Bamkel of Cape was here Monday and Tuesday.

FROM LONE ROCK.

Grandpa Heeb, who has been sick for some time died Sunday morning. Deceased was married on his birthday and was also married to rest on his 85th birthday. Children who survive him are John W. August, Otto Mike and Mrs. Anna Sanders and Mrs. Katy Owens. Rev. Morton of Chaffee conducted the service, which was concluded at the Dennis cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ferguson, Miss Beatrice Howell, Pat Hancock and Leslie Dennis ate supper with Miss Ruth Hughes Sunday.

Tom McFarland, of Sikeston, and Otto Heeb, of Harrisburg, Ark., attended the funeral of Grandpa Heeb Tuesday.

Sereeno and Levi Miller and sister, Miss Alma attended a ball at Keiso, one night last week.

One of Lefe Dennis' mules dropped dead in the harness a few days ago.

Ed Backfish went to New Hamburg Sunday.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.

Carter Foster was in Benton on Wednesday. It was his engine that pulled the tanks up the hill.

Mrs. Higgins and mother of Unity visited her daughter, Mrs. Ray Wilburn, last week.

Josh Zimmerman moved into the house vacated by Ben Lett.

Little Hazel Morrow, who has been very sick, is better.

Mrs. Alice Mull has returned from her visit in Illinois.

Mrs. P. A. Smith is visiting at Vanduser.

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER

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AMONG THE SUBS.

Monday two stockholders in the Kicker from Commerce township came in and, when asked why they had done nothing for the Kicker, said, "We do all we can; we try but it just seems like we can't do anything." The next day J. A. Daugherty came out from Commerce and handed in ten NEW subscribers and ten dollars! These subs were gathered by Mr. Daugherty right under the noses of the men who had said the day before they could do nothing. And that is the situation all over the county. Only a very few men take any interest in keeping up the financial end of the Kicker. To many want to let the other fellow do it.

Frank Feldon of Rockview, Chas. Slinkard of Chaffee and A. A. Evans of Morley got in with two each, while Casper Miller of Ilmo, Robt. Hillemann of Forfelt, and Sol Diebold and Joe Pfefferkorn, of the hot place caught one each.

Commerce.—L. A. Reynolds, Wm. Brotherton, Elmer Brotherton, Robt. Rasberry, George Campbell, Price Z. Ellis, H. E. Sikes.

Chaffee.—J. W. Blocker, M. H. Witt, W. H. Scherer.

Forfelt.—Susan F. Utley, Ilmo Fritz Heid.

Morley.—G. W. Rodgers, Josh Hutton, F. E. Williams, J. B. Kirkpatrick.

Sikeston.—W. C. Bowman, Diebold.—Ben Perry.

John Conroy, St. Louis; T. S. Haynes, Canaan; J. L. Strayhorn, Neelyville; J. A. Smith, Pittman, Ark.; J. H. Sprout, Oran; Cal. P. H. Feldon, Olive Branch, Ill.

The 3-year-old son of Lee Spencer while playing in the yard was killed by a falling bell post. He died Wednesday.

Charley Dover of Poplar Bluff moved into our community Thursday.

Our school has closed for two weeks on account of measles.

G. O. Gage killed hogs Monday. R. D. Packard is on the sick list.

Robt. Houghton has moved into the house formerly occupied by Joe Mason. Mr. Mason moved into the Oak Grove district.

Wm. Hutchinson took two young hogs up to Benton to see the new court house, Sunday.

FROM MORLEY.

Alfred Murphy has returned from Arkansas, where he has been dredging, and is now a partner with his brother, who are cutting lumber and cross ties.

The correspondent has been on the pony list for several days and has been unable to secure much news. Will try to do better next week.

Rev. J. S. Swanner, the Baptist pastor has been assisting in a protracted meeting at Vanduser.

An extra gang composed of Morley and Diebold boys are loading sand at melon switch.

News was received here Saturday that R. W. Modglin, of Sikeston, was very sick.

B. F. Earles has ordered a piano to be given as a prize to some one of his customers.

Health seems to be improving, as we hear of no cases of sickness this week.

A little child, whose name we did not learn, was buried here Sunday.

The late blizzard has suspended work on the roads.